

C 14. The method of Claim 13 further comprises stopping the consummation of next hour transactions at a predetermined time during the current hour.

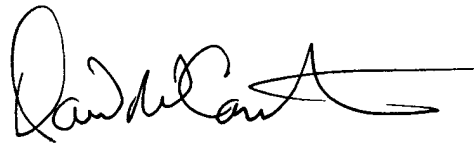
B5 15. (Once Amended) An apparatus for the trading of electrical energy between a first and a second utility comprising:

- (a) means for storing at least one offer for the purchase of electrical energy
- (b) means for displaying said at least one offer;
- (c) means for allowing one of said participant's to accept said offer[;].

ADD C1
REMARKS

In view of the preliminary amendments, the Applicant respectfully requests that the claims be allowed. If any other issues exists, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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